

- Sales and Use Tax - In general, we in CT are so highly taxed that it is driving both businesses and citizens out of the state in groves. And no wonder, once a person retires, they can go to FL, NC, SC where the taxes are much lower. In my opinion, it is horrible that clothes and vitamins are even taxed.
- Estate and Gift Taxation - Why is it that people have already paid taxes on this money, and then it is taxed again - double taxation!!! People are being "Taxed to Death".
- Personal Income Tax - This only encourages people not to work.
- Property Tax - Why stay in CT paying thousands upon thousands in property taxes when people can go to states and only pay hundreds? And what do we get for all these taxes, a poor educational system. Common Core has only pushed parents to leave the public educational system, or worse yet, again lowered the education of our children.
- Business Personal Property Taxation - The \$250 that LLCs have to pay is awful. For what? The state needs to encourage small businesses, not discourage them. Small businesses are the foundation of this country. This is also very unfair. A business that has to have equipment is heavily taxed, whereas a business that can run with just a computer and a phone is hardly taxed.
- Personal Tangible Property - Again, just another way to take away people's hard earned money.

In my government course, I learned that the closer the government is to home, the more one has to say about it. The state is taking away, not helping the citizens, of what could be the greatest state in the union. I also learned, when taxes are raised, less money is actually received and it hurts the economy. Also learned that the Democrats raise taxes and the Republicans lower taxes. With the Democrats in full control of CT, it sure has exemplified what I was taught. Gas taxes were not mentioned. Truckers and people avoid purchasing gas in CT due to the high tax on gas. Again, hurting, not helping the state.

Perhaps, if taxes were lowered, this state's economy would turn around and the mass exit would stop.

I thank you in advance for hopefully turning the great state of CT around.  
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